

It is something you hear very often in the earthquake zone of Pakistan. Last month, a massive earthquake in Pakistan killed over 70,000 people and left another two million homeless. Over 18,000 kids were killed -- in school. I visited this region today as part of a bipartisan delegation reviewing the humanitarian aid effort by the United States and our NATO allies. The U.S. effort is so large, we represent over 90% of all helicopter flights -- including the large "Chinook" CH-47s -- to the beleaguered people of Pakistan's province of Kashmir. Keep reading to see the photos...



Last year, a large majority of people here opposed the U.S. and our mission in nearby Afghanistan that deposed the Taliban dictatorship. Today, you see large crowds who support America. Nearly everyone knows the Americans provide the most aid. I visited the 212 M*A*S*H U.S. Army hospital, located in Muzaffarabad and met Army Major Mary Choi of Buffalo Grove. Her team is taking care of thousands of earthquake victims including little Habda, age 10. Both of Habda's legs were broken when her family's home collapsed. She is now recovering and her father thanked the U.S. Army doctors repeatedly for his daughter's care.



Several hundred Americans are here, like Chicagoland's SPC Nich McWhorter and Sgt. Desiree Morris.



When we're talking about the situation in the world, it's not just about the people who are suffering, it's about the people who are helping them. It's about the people who are giving them a chance to live a better life. It's about the people who are giving them a chance to be part of a better world.